

## ABSTRACT

1 A method and system for franking machine communication  
2 including a franking machine, at least one peripheral  
3 device, and a bus system. The bus system includes a  
4 network controller adapted to be electrically coupled to  
5 each peripheral device and the franking machine, and  
6 adapted to permit data communications between each  
7 peripheral device and the franking machine, and between  
8 each peripheral device. A host device is associated with  
9 the network controller of the franking machine, and the  
10 host device is adapted to detect and identify each  
11 peripheral device and configure the franking machine  
12 based on a state of each peripheral device. A bus is  
13 adapted to be electrically connected to each network  
14 controller for transferring data signals between the  
15 franking machine and each peripheral device, and between  
16 each peripheral device.